

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus comprising:

a measurement device for receiving one or more input signals and generating measurement information related to said input signals;

a display coupled with the measurement device for displaying the measurement information;

a control panel having a plurality of keys each coupled with the measurement device for controlling a respective operation of the measurement device;

a timer coupled with the control panel for sensing duration of key activation during which a user activates a key of the plurality of keys of the control panel; and

a controller coupled with the control panel and the timer for initiating the respective operation of the measurement device in response to each key activation, when the duration of key activation is less than a predetermined amount of time;

wherein the controller is coupled with the display for displaying help screen information in context of the respective operation of the measurement device in response to each key activation, when the duration of key activation is greater than the predetermined amount of time.

2. (ORIGINAL) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein the controller is adapted for causing the display to cease displaying the help screen information when the user deactivates the key.

3. (CANCELED)

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising: as in claim 3

receiving one or more input signals;

generating measurement information related to said input signals using a measurement device;

displaying the measurement information using a display coupled with the measurement device;

controlling a respective operation of the measurement device using a control panel having a plurality of keys each coupled with the measurement device;

sensing duration of key activation during which a user activates a key of the plurality of keys of the control panel;

initiating the respective operation of the measurement device in response to each key activation, when the duration of key activation is less than a predetermined amount of time;

displaying help screen information in context of the respective operation of the measurement device in response to each key activation, when the duration of key activation is greater than the predetermined amount of time; and

~~further comprising~~ ceasing display of the help screen information when the user deactivates the key.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus, comprising:

a measurement device for receiving one or more input signals and generating measurement information related to said input signals;

a display coupled with the measurement device for displaying the measurement information;

a control panel having a plurality of keys each coupled with the measurement device for controlling a respective operation of the measurement device; and

a controller coupled with the control panel and including a timer function for sensing duration of key activation during which a user activates a key of the plurality of keys of the control panel;

wherein the controller initiates the respective operation of the measurement device in response to each key activation, when the duration of the key activation is less than a predetermined amount of time; and

wherein the controller is coupled with the display for displaying help screen information in context of the respective operation of the measurement device in response to each key activation, when the duration of the key activation is greater than the predetermined amount of time.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus as in claim 5 wherein the controller is adapted for causing the display to cease displaying the help screen information when the user deactivates the key.